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RMR 1. IN ABSENCE AVEROFF I CALLED ON DIRECTOR GENERAL FOREIGN OFFICE PALAMAS TODAY FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF SHIPPING TO CUBA. WE DISCUSSED ACTIONS OUTLINED DEPTEL 400. PALAMAS STATED THAT GOG VIEWS CUBAN SITUATION AS POLITICALLY MOST SERIOUS; THAT IT UNDERSTANDS US POSITION ENTIRELY AND WANTS TO DO ALL POSSIBLE TO HELP.

2. HE REFERRED TO OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF OCTOBER 1 (EMBTTEL 421) SAYING THIS WENT VERY FAR BY INCLUDING ALL WAR MATERIALS. HE MADE POINT THAT THIS WAS CONSIDERABLY MORE FAR-REACHING THAN UK ACTION WHICH WOULD PERMIT SHIPMENTS OF OIL. PALAMAS SAYS GOVERNMENT BELIEVES PROHIBITION OF SHIPMENTS OF WAR MATERIALS CAN BE ENFORCED BY ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES UNDER EXISTING LAW, BUT IF NOT MEANS WILL BE FOUND TO TAKE LEGAL SANCTIONS.

3. CARRYING OF NON-WAR MATERIALS PRESENTS DIFFERENT QUESTION. PALAMAS DOES NOT BELIEVE THIS COULD BE ENFORCED, BUT NEVERTHELESS GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO DISCOURAGE GREEK SHIPOWNERS IN ANY TRADE WITH CUBA. HE BELIEVES THAT US CAN AID IN THIS BY ACTION WHICH WOULD MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR OWNERS ENGAGING IN CUBAN TRADE TO OBTAIN CREDITS, BUNKERING FACILITIES,

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ETC. IN US. OBVIOUSLY HE WOULD NOT WANT ALL GREEK SHIPS TO BE SO PENALIZED BECAUSE SOME FEW MIGHT ENGAGE IN NON-STRATEGIC TRADE.

4. GOG CONSIDERS CUBAN SITUATION A NATO PROBLEM AND BELIEVES THERE SHOULD BE UNIFIED ACTION WITHIN NATO. GREEK GOVERNMENT PREPARED SIGN AND ENFORCE ANY AGREEMENT WHICH CAN BE WORKED OUT THERE.

5. REVIEW BEING MADE BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CONCERNING VARIOUS POSSIBLE ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER MEASURES WHICH MAY BE USED.

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